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SUBJ: CEAUSESCU HAILS MAO'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

1. SCINTEIA DECEMBER 26 CARRIES ON FRONT PAGE WARM, CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM CEAUSESCU, IN CAPACITY AS PARTY CHIEF, TO MAO TSE-TUNG ON LATTER'S 80TH BIRTHDAY, AS WELL AS LONG INSIDE-PAGE BIOGRAPHICAL ARTICLE EULOGIZING "COMRADE" MAO AND PLAYING UP "CONTINUALLY ASCENDING EVOLUTION" OF ROMANIAN-CHINESE PARTY AND STATE RELATIONS (ASSUME TEXTS AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT).

2. MESSAGE REFERS TO MAO AS "IMPORTANT MILITANT OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST AND WORKERS MOVEMENT" AND NOTES THAT DEVELOPMENT OF ROMANIAN-CHINESE RELATIONS IS "TO THE BENEFIT

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OF UNITY OF ALL ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES AND OF THE CAUSE OF

SOCIALISM AND WORLD PEACE." ARTICLE ALSO HIGHLIGHTS MAO'S COMMUNIST CREDENTIALS (E.G. HIS "THEORETICAL WORK COMPRISING MANY AREAS OF REVOLUTIONARY THOUGH"), PLUS "EVER WIDER AND MORE DYNAMIC PRESENCE OF PRC" IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND "GOOD OPPORTUNITY" WHICH MAO'S BIRTHDAY OFFERS TO "ROMANIAN PUBLIC OPINION" TO "EVOKE ROMANIAN-CHINESE FRATERNAL RELATIONS, SOLID FRIENDSHIP, AND MANY-SIDED COOPERATION."

3. COMMENT. MESSAGE TO MAO IF ANYTHING IS EVEN WARMER THAN CEAUSESCU'S EARLIER GREETING (SCINTEIA, SEPTEMBER 2) ON OCCASION OF MAO'S ELECTION AS CHINESE CP CC CHAIRMAN; ARTICLE IS COMPARABLE, AT LEAST IN LENGTH TO ATTENTION GIVEN TITO'S 80TH BIRTHDAY. INSOFAR AS THIS IS VALID SIGNAL, ROMANIANS CLEARLY APPEAR TO BE STANDING FIRM AGAINST WHATEVER PRESSURE SOVIETS MAY HAVE APPLIED, AT RECENT MOSCOW CONFERENCE OF PARTY IDEOLOGICAL SECRETARIES OR ELSEWHERE, TO WEAKEN GOR'S DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN AND CONSOLIDATE ITS LONGSTANDING CHINESE CONNECTION.

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